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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9627

I refer to your email dated 6 October 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they partially transferred to us on 4 November 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding Alcohol and Drug residential services. (We understand the Ministry of Health will respond to Questions 8 and 9.) Specifically:

(Clarified as referring to Alcohol and Drug Residential Services)

- 1. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year? What was the number of beds available in these services, broken down by year?**
- 2. What were the names, and locations of these facilities?**
- 3. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?**
- 4. What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?**
- 5. How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021. Broken down by year?**
- 6. What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?**
- 7. How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?**
- ~~**8. What is the number of drug and alcohol detox beds available in New Zealand, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?**~~
- ~~**9. Where are these beds located, and how many are available in each region?**~~
- 10. What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?**
- 11. On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021? Broken down by year?**

There are no government funded Live-in residential services for Alcohol and Drug treatment on the West Coast.

West Coast people can access regional residential services (detox and treatment), largely based in Canterbury. If someone is determined to need this level of intervention they are supported to prepare for a period of time off the Coast and to return with an ongoing care plan. There are a number of non-residential options available to people during this time to maintain engagement and deal with immediate concerns.

Residential services are provided by a range of NGOs (Non-government Organisations) and Canterbury DHB providers who work collaboratively with referral and assessment services to align dates and readiness so that positive outcomes are maximised, and people are provided with a range of non-residential options which may avoid the need for a residential admission.

West Coast DHB does not hold wait time data for entry to residential services.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tracey Maisey', with a stylized, flowing script.

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